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1. A. THE IMPACT OF THE CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DE CENTRO AMERICA (CTCA) ON THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN EL SALVADOR WOULD HAVE TO BE VIEWED AS ESSENTIALLY A PUBLIC RELATIONS INSTRUMENT TO INCREASE THE PRESTIGE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENT, PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE CONFEDERACION GENERAL DE SINDICATOS (CGS), THE CTCA-ORIT AFFILIATE. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY EVIDENT DURING CTCA'S IX ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND CONGRESS HELD IN SANSALVADOR JULY 1975. THE EVENT WAS INAUGURATED BY THE MINISTER OF LABOR AND ATTENDED BY A TOTAL OF 21 SALVADORAN LABOR LEADERS FROM THE CGS, FESINCONSTANS, THE UCS, FESTRAS, USTRAS, AND AMAD. FESINCONSTANS NOW SEEKING AFFILIATION TO CTCA. BASICALLY CTCA IMPACT HERE MINIMAL.

B. LABOR LEADERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENT DO

ATTEND IESCA'S REGIONAL SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE THE TRAINING AVAILABLE THROUGH AIFLD'S REGIONAL PROGRAM IS OF POSTIVE USE IN THEIR UNION WORK. THE ONLY COMPLAINT WE HAVE HEARD IS ABOUT THE LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE. THE AGRARIAN UNION DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (AUDS) PROGRAM IS AMONG THE MOST DYNAMIC. THE UNION COMUNAL SALVADORENA JUST FINISHED HOSTING A WELL-ATTENDED

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AND SUCCESSFUL LATIN AMERICAN CAMPESINO LEADERS CONFERENCE,

WHICH IESCA FUNDS MADE POSSIBLE.

C. THERE IS NO-INCOUNTRY AIFLD PROGRAM AT THIS TIME.

D. THERE IS NO DIRECT RELATION TO IN-COUNTRY AID PROGRAMS
OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT IESCA'S REGIONAL COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS
(APPROXIMATELY 18 PER YEAR) ARE DIRECTLY AVAILABLE TO THE
LOWER ECONOMIC SECTOR OF THE POPULATION (AN AID TARGET GROUP).

E. THERE IS A DIRECT RELATION TO LOCAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT
GOALS INSOFAR AS THE TRAINING PROVIDED BY IESCA IS GEARED

TO INCREASE BOTH THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF COLLECTIVE
CONTRACTS, IMPROVE UNION SERVICES TO ITS MEMBERS,AND
GENERALLY STRENGTHEN THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.

F. IESCA TRAINING PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT OF SYMPOSIA AND REGIONAL
MEETINGS ARE ONGOING AND HAVE NOT BEEN INTERRUPTED WITH
DEPARTURE AIFLD FROM EL SALVADOR. WE CONSIDER THESE PROGRAMS
USEFUL AND HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OTHER TYPES IESCA ACTIVITIES HERE.

G. AS FAR AS ROCAP AND IESCA REGIONAL PROGRAMS ARE CONCERNED,
WE SUGGEST ONLY THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO A WIDER
DISTRIBUTION OF TRAINING AND TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES.

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